

In the application of Group Unit 2633 **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING** KIRIKO YAMADA, TAKAYOSHI SASAO and I hereby certify that this correspondence was deposited with the United States Postal Service as JUNICHI KUBOTA first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents Serial No. 10/776,660 P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on this 18th day of January 2006 Filed February 9, 2004 Payerle, Secretary to Edward G. Greive For OPTICAL-AXIS DIRECTIONAL INDICATING APPARATUS FOR

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT PURSUANT TO 37 CFR §1.97(c)

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This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed pursuant to 37 CFR §1.97(c), after the mailing of the first Official Action, but before the mailing date of either a Final Action or Notice of Allowance.

Information or art known to the Applicants and having an extent of relevance to the present application has been listed on Form PTO-1449 attached hereto. It includes one United States patent and one foreign patent document. The Applicants have employed Form PTO-1449 for the purpose of convenience of the Office and the Examiner.

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It is the position of the Applicants that none of the art provided herein accomplishes the objects of the present invention. The Applicants believe that the claims of the subject application are patentably distinct over the art of record.

In the event the Examiner would care to discuss any of the foregoing more specifically, the undersigned attorney would welcome a telephone call.

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